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MEA JT SECY PAKISTAN, ASHOK CHIB, CONFIRMS PRESS REPORTS THAT AZIZ AHMED LETTER TO FONMIN SWARAN SINGH RECEIVED IN DELHI JUNE 24. CHIB TOLD POL COUNSELOR JUNE 26 THAT LETTER EXPLAINS THAT TWO AIDE MEMOIRES TO WHICH INDIANS HAD TAKEN EXCEPTION WERE SENT TO GOI IN ERROR. PAKISTAN LETTER APPARENTLY FOLLOWS GENERAL LINE OF MAY 16 AZIZ AHMED MESSAGE IN THAT IT EXPRESSES PAK WILLINGNESS DEAL WITH THREE " HUMANITARIAN ISSUES" AS PACKAGE, ALTHOUGH WITHOUT FORMALLY "ACCEPTING" INDO-BANGLADESH PROPOSAL AS A WHOLE. CHIB DID NOT OUTLINE CONTENTS OF AZIZ AHMED LETTER IN DETAIL BUT SAID THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS SUFFICIENTLY FORTHCOMING THAT INDIANS WOULD NOW AGREE TO MEET WITH PAKISTANIS EARLY IN JULY. ALTHOUGH CHIB DID NOT SPECIFY MEETING DATE. HE DID SAY THAT HE ANTICIPATED NO FURTHER COR-RESPONDENCE WOULD BE NECESSARY BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN BEFORE MEETING WAS HELD. FORMAL DESPATCH OF THE INDIAN REPLY TO AZIZ AHMED IS NOW AWAITING APPROVAL BY THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE CABINET AFTER MRS. GANDHI'S RETURN FROM ROME JUNE 27. CHIB TOLD POL COUNSELOR AT DINNER JUNE 25 THAT CONSULTATION UNDERWAY WITH BANGLADESH ON REPLY. CONFIDENTIAL

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